

**MEMORANDUM****DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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**B. Fatal Suicide Reports**

The following summarizes information from 12 reports with completed (fatal) suicide. Patients were typically young and male. For the majority, there was no antecedent history of depression and the patients were not noted or known to be depressed in the time period prior to their suicide.

**Demographic for Suicide (n=12):**

- Sex: Male 9 (75%), Female 2, Unknown 1
- Age (yrs): (range 14-40), Average 20, Median 17
- Onset of Event (days): Range (4 - 214), Average 88, Median 60
- Date of Suicide: 1985 (1), 1987 (2), 1988 (1), 1993 (3), 1994 (2), 1995 (1), 1996 (1), unk (1)
- Source of Report: Foreign (4), Domestic (8)
- Type of Acne: Severe or cystic (7), Acne (3), Unknown (2)
- Major Event: no depression (7) (58%), mood swings (2), unknown (3)